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SUBJECT: STRIFE AT ALIAGA REFINERY FOLLOWING DISK PROTEST

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1. IZMIR MUNICIPAL, ESHOT AND METAS WORKERS HAVE RESUMED WORK, 41 STRIKING METAS WORKERS REPORTEDLY HAVING BEEN DISMISSED. AT ALIAGA REFINERY "RESISTANCE" REPORTEDLY ENDED 22 SEPT. AFTER, ACCORDING TO ALIAGA SOURCE, 650 WORKERS HAD BEEN DISMISSED. THEIR DISMISSAL AND EFFORTS TO HIRE SUBSTITUTES FROM BATMAN REFINERY (IN SIIRT PROVINCE) AND ALIAGAR VICINITY SAID HAVE PROVOKED THE RESIGNATION OF TPAO AEGRAN

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DISTRICT(AND ALIAGA) GENERAL MANAGER MUFIT NAYIR AND ANOTHER SENIOR ALIAGA EXECUTIVE, AND THE REASSIGNMENT OF NAYIR'S DEPUTY GUNGOR KARAOGLAN; SEVERAL OTHER ALIAGA ENGINEERS AND TECHNICIANS ARE REPORTED IN LOCAL LEFTIST DEMOKRAT IZMIR TO HAVE REQUESTED TRANSFERS IN PROTEST OVER THE DISMISSALS AND THE ALLEGEDLY PARTISAN HIRING OF REPLACEMENTS, SOME OF WHOM DESCRIBED AS "COMMANDOS". A TPAO SOURCE TOLD US ALIAGA IS PREPARING RESUME PRODUCTION WITH 500 JANDARMA STANDING BY TO PREVENT INCIDENTS. THERE APPEARS, HOWEVER, BE SOME DIFFICULTY

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IN HIRING NEW WORKERS; AIRPLANE SENT TO BATMAN TO BRING

WORKERS REPORTEDLY RETURNED EMPTY.

2. MEANWHILE, IZMIR AREA GASOLINE SHORTAGE INTENSIFIED WITH MOBIL, SHELL AND BP WITHOUT GAS. PETROL OFISI REPORTEDLY HAS SUFFICIENT STOCKS TO CONTINUE SALES AND LOCAL PETROL OFISI EXECTUTIVE TOLD AMCONGEN STAFF MEMBER THAT NEGOTIATIONS MAY LEAD TO GASOLINE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH OTHER COMPANIES BY 24 SEPT. (MOBIL STATION NEAR AMCONGEN BEGAN PUMPING GAS, WHICH IT IS RATIONING AT TL 50 WORTH PER VEHICLE, IN AFTERNOON OF 23SEPT; STATION MANGER TOLD US IT HAD JUST BEEN PURCHASED FROM PETROL OFISI.)

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3. IZMIR GOVERNOR EGILMEZ REPORTED IN PRESS AS ANNOUNCING THAT 6000 DISK-AFFILIATED WORKERS PARTICIATED IN THE IZMIR AREA "RESISTANCE"; 2,327 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR FOR INVESTIGATION,88 OF WHOM ARE UNION ADMINSTRATORS AND 55 ARE WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES. 9 HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

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